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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

David C. Keith
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RE: San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site,
Pasadena, Harris County, Texas:
Time-Critical Removal Action, TCRA Cap Repair Plan,
CERCLA Docket No. 06-12-10

Dear Mr. Keith:

I received your letter dated September 18, 2012. I disagree with your characterization of several statements in my July 31, 2012, letter, which summarized observations and discussions from my July 24 site visit. However, I understand that your September 18 letter contains the positions of the Respondents McGinnes Industrial Maintenance Corporation and International Paper Company related to the necessity for cap repair on the western berm.

It is EPA's primary concern to ensure the integrity of the site cap, principally by conducting a third-party (U.S. Corps of Engineers) review of the armor cap design and construction. The factual conclusions of this review, as well as any review conducted by Respondents, will help both parties better understand the nature and cause of the problems leading to the cap repair.

I have enclosed several questions for Respondents regarding the armor cap on the western berm for you to answer. The answers you provide will be considered as part of the review.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Valmichael Leos
Federal On-Scene Coordinator (FOSC)

Enclosures